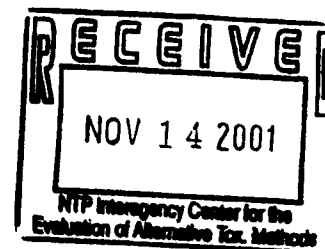


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Dear Dr. Stokes,

Please replace as many of the LD-50 tests as feasible. As you know, such practice causes so much suffering in innocent animals. If we can feasibly replace them with in-vitro tests, then why possibly would we not do so? I would even be in favor of slightly more expensive tests or even research that was reasonable slower than present forms, to avoid such a severe moral short-cut that sacrifices some for the good of others. But, if all things are equal, why not replace those tests that cause severe agony to animals?

Sincerely,

Ms. Jamey Lee West